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Archæology February 26, and opened his course in a lecture delivered before the Academy April 4.

The resignation of Dr. J. Gibbons Hunt as Professor of Microscopic Technology was received and accepted May 27. His successor has not yet been appointed.

At the meeting of the Council held November 24, Mr. Jacob Binder was appointed Curator of the Wm. S. Vaux Collections, to serve, in compliance with the Articles of Agreement, during the ensuing twelve months. Mr. Binder accepted the position and declined receiving a compensation for his services. A resolution expressive of the Academy's appreciation of Mr. Binder's efficient discharge of the duties of his position during the past year, was adopted by the meeting held November 25.

During the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held in September, the museum and library of the Academy were visited by many of the attending members, and by representatives of the British Association. The Academy is to be congratulated on having been able to add materially to the interest of the important occasion, both by the extent of its library and museum, and the receptions and excursions given under the auspices of its Botanical, and Biological and Microscopical Sections. The generous support given by the citizens of Philadelphia to the Local Committee, in its endeavor to provide fittingly for the meeting referred to, is an encouraging indication of an intelligent interest in science, and consequently in the welfare of the Academy and kindred institutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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*Recording Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary, as defined by our laws, show very little variety from year to year. It is, however, gratifying to note that the number of societies with which we are in correspondence shows a notable increase. The transmission of our publications by mail, begun last year, places us in closer relation with foreign societies; many of them have agreed to reciprocate, while a few prefer the old method of transmission, for reasons which have been read at various times.

It being the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to acknowledge all gifts to the Museum, the usual circulars have been signed, and the Curator-in-charge, to whom the addresses are generally known, has sent them to the donors. A full account of the donations will appear in the Curator's report.

During the year ending November 30, there have been twenty-two correspondents elected, to all of whom notification has been promptly forwarded, and, excepting to those very recently elected, the diploma has also been sent. Of the correspondents elected during the present and past year, seventeen have acknowledged their election, many having at the same time transmitted valuable publications.

Official notification has been received of the death of Joachim Barrande, Quintino Sella and Sven Nilsson, correspondents.

While the number of letters from societies, etc., does not indicate the entire number receiving our publications, it may be interesting to note that nineteen are from societies, libraries, etc., in North America and Mexico, two from South America, and fifty-three from the Eastern Hemisphere. The entire number of letters, announcing the receipt of our publications, during the year is one hundred and nineteen.

Letters of transmission, with which foreign societies usually accompany their publications, have diminished during the year, owing probably to the transmission of the publications by mail. These letters number forty-four.

The activity of our Librarian, in endeavoring to supply deficiencies in our library, usually induces a corresponding demand on us from our corresponding societies. Letters of this character are noted to the number of nine.

Letters of a miscellaneous nature—in response to our invitation to exchange by mail, regarding deficiencies for which we have applied, announcing anniversary festivities—have been received from foreign societies, numbering nineteen.

In addition to the above, a considerable number of trivial letters have been received, and, where necessary, replied to, mostly entirely unimportant, and often of a purely personal nature.

Respectfully submitted,

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